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SUBJECT: DAC COORDINATION ON IFAD ISSUES

REF: (A) STATE 225124; (B) STATE 231863; (C) KUWAIT 4335

1. IN ACCORDANCE REF A ECON COUNS SAW NAKAMURA, FONOFF UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES DIVISION CHIEF, SEPTEMBER 14, TO ASK GOJ SUPPORT FOR OUR EFFORT ENCOURAGE KEY OPEC DONORS TO INCREASE IFAD CONTRIBUTIONS. ECON COUNS REPEATED MAIN POINTS OF LETTER AND STRESSED THAT IT WOULD BE SLOW GOING, PARTICULARLY FOR RECIPIENT COUNTRIES, IF IFAD SHOULD FAIL AFTER COMING THIS CLOSE TO ESTABLISHMENT.

2. NAKAMURA REPLIED BY EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR "VALUABLE INFORMATION". HE SAID THAT HE ALSO IS CONCERNED ABOUT IFAD FUNDING GAP AND HE PERSONALLY THINKS THE SECRETARY'S INITIATIVE IS OPPORTUNE AND WELL TIMED. NAKAMURA SEEMED DOUBTFUL THAT APPEAL TO INDIVIDUAL STATES WOULD ELICIT INCREASE IN THIS AMOUNT. HE INDICATED GOJ WOULD INFORM EMBASSY WHEN IT REACHES AGREED POSITION OUR REQUEST.

3. ON SEPTEMBER 21, FONOFF (SHIVRIRI, UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES DIVISION) REPORTED BY TELEPHONE THAT DIVISION IS CONSIDERING HOW BEST TO APPROACH CATEGORY 2 COUNTRIES
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RE IFAD FUNDING AND THAT GOJ PREPCOM REPRESENTATIVES

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WILL CONSULT OTHER DELEGATIONS REGARDING THIS MATTER AT PREPCOM MEETING.

4. ON SEPTEMBER 22 EMBOFF SAW SHIOJIRI TO PRESENT DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON IFAD PREPCOM AGENDA ITEMS (REF B). SHIOJIRI EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING OUR CONCERN AND SAID DIVISION WOULD STUDY OUR VIEWS IN PREPARATION FOR PREPCOM MEETING.

5. COMMENT: JAPANESE FAILURE RESPOND INITIATIVE REF A MAY BE RELATED TO ATTITUDE OF KUWAITI MINISTER OF FINANCE (AND PERHAPS OTHERS) REPORTED REF C, THAT GOJ ITSELF SHOULD INCREASE ITS CONTRIBUTION.
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